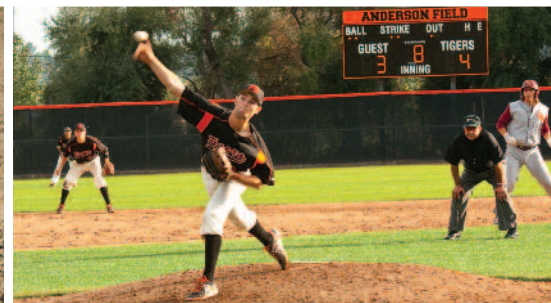
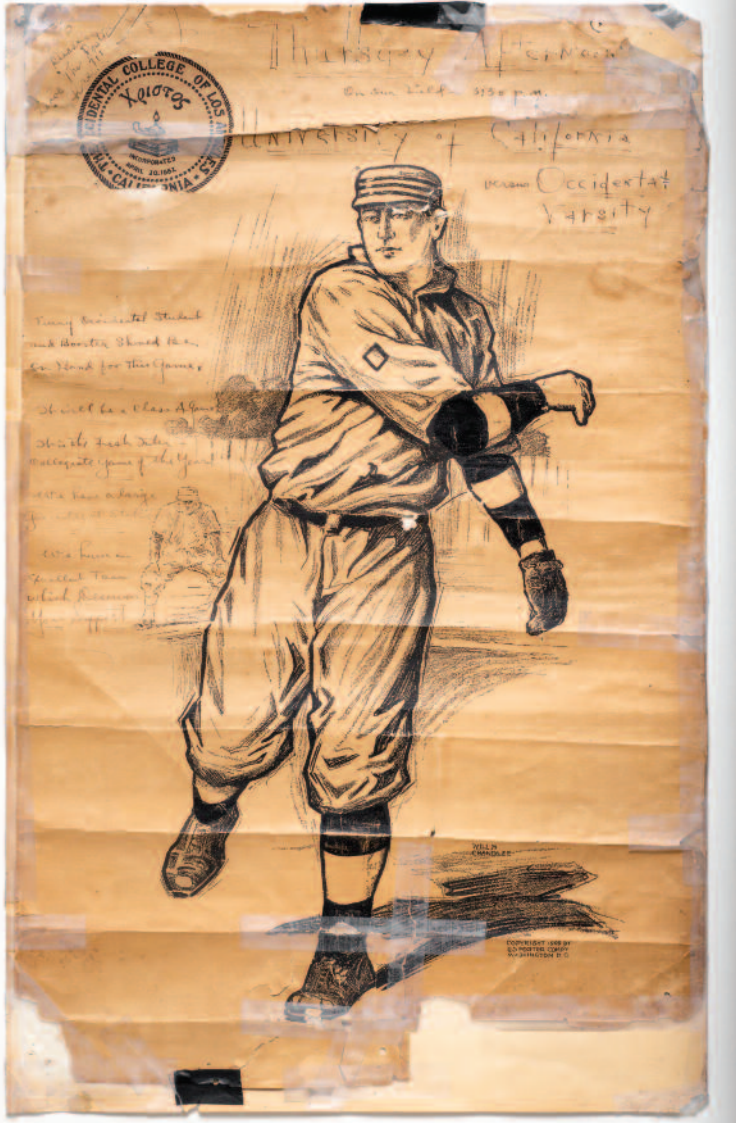


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**FRONT COVER IMAGES**

**TOP LEFT:** Coach Wilkie Clark at the outset of his first two-year stint with the Tigers, in 1912. Clark would steer his teams to five conference titles over eight seasons.

**TOP RIGHT:** Athletic director Joe Pipal (rear, center) poses with the Tigers on Baer Field on the Highland Park campus, circa 1912.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Jason Hawkins, coach of the Tigers for three seasons, has words with an umpire in a 2010 game vs. Menlo College Oaks.

**BOTTOM CENTER:** Bill Bonhall '44 slides into home plate on the Patterson Field diamond.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Nolan Watson '17 picked up three wins on the mound for the Tigers as a freshman.

**LEFT:** A poster advertises the Tigers' first intercollegiate game of the year against the visiting University of California on March 5, 1914: "Every Occidental Student and Booster Should Be On Hand for This Game." Oxy and Cal played to a 3-3 tie.



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E.S. Merrill (center)  
and members of the  
1906 championship  
baseball team.



Dedicated to all who have contributed to the conduct  
of “America’s Pastime” at Occidental College—  
especially the players: past, present, and future.

## Preface

This modest work is correctly subtitled *A Mini History* because we hope and anticipate that other writers will someday produce *A Brief History* twice this size. Eventually someone, working alone or with others, will double or triple that size into a complete *History of Occidental College Baseball*.

Much data can be found in the Academic Commons/Library Archives, the Athletics Department, and Spencer Field House at Anderson Field.

This has been a labor of love for the authors: love of baseball, love of learning, and sharing with others the many accomplishments of Bengal baseball participants.

As long as we live, we stand ready to assist those who might want to continue our work.

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## Editor's Note

Every picture tells a story, and *Bringing Back Bengal Baseball* would not have been possible without the credited and uncredited contributions of the photographers represented in these pages. A tip of the cap to Kevin Burke, Marc Campos, Kirby Lee, Glenn Mar '84, Bob Palermini, and the family of the late Joe Friezer for sharing their amazing images of the sport.

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## Foreword

Following our election to Oxy's Baseball Hall of Fame, we became aware of some inadequate postings on the baseball portion of Oxy's website. With the encouragement of the Baseball Hall of Fame Committee, we have succeeded in correcting errors and adding names of many players who had been unrecognized for their achievements.

In 2006, Frank Bennett '54 proposed honoring teams as well as players, and 11 have now been elected: 1895, 1906, 1927, 1929, 1934, 1943, 1952, 1954, 1958, 1962, and 1967. Gil McFadden '54, then chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, sparked the first annual Awards Dinner in February 2006. About 150 attend annually, and the hall has inducted about 100 of the top 1,000 who have played at Oxy since 1889.

The Tigers' off-field home, Paul Spencer '28 Field House, was built in 1958. The facility now houses more than 1,000 baseball books, a library initiated with the donation of the personal collections of Todd Tennyson '53 and Bob Donaldson '55. To this collection we humbly add *Bringing Back Bengal Baseball* (which owes much of its existence to the fundraising prowess of Bennett). In addition to getting this history online in commemoration of Oxy's 100th year in Eagle Rock (2014) and the Tigers' 65th year of baseball on Anderson Field, we want to do whatever we can to make sure that baseball is well-mentioned in the centennial celebration of SCIAC in 2015.



**Anderson Field at sunset, January 31, 2014.**

# Acknowledgments

This presentation, and all the voluminous research since 2005 to be placed in the College Archives, would not have been possible without the indefatigable assistance of Jean Paule H'05 (a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UC Berkeley who later earned her master's at USC), whose 51 years of service to Occidental is incomparable. Her authority of biographies of presidents John Willis Baer (1906-1916) and Arthur G. Coons '20 (1945-1965) enabled her to anticipate our research needs.

We are also appreciative of the help rendered by the LA-84 Foundation Sports Library which grew out of the Helms Athletic Foundation. Located at 2141 W. Adams Boulevard, it is only two blocks from where co-author Harper grew up, making the many hours spent there both helpful and pleasurable.

Continuous encouragement has come from Oxy folk such as Dale Stieber and Anne Mar in special collections, Jim Tranquada in communications, alumni relations and athletics department personnel, and members of the baseball coaching staff and the Oxy Baseball Hall of Fame Committee. Special thanks to publications editor Dick Anderson for his careful editing of the document and to Alana Lemon '12 and Judy Via for typing the early drafts.

Our sincere thanks to all those above and any others whom we have inadvertently failed to mention. We hope this work will please those who value Bengal baseball as part of a first-rate education at Occidental. We welcome documented additions and corrections, and apologize for any errors, omissions, or unintended misstatements in this presentation.

Harper and Via are both products of Los Angeles city schools; were center fielders on Northern League teams (Belmont and Wilson, respectively); were members of SCIAC championship teams from 1951-54;<sup>1</sup> saw military service; had successful careers in education, administration, and community service; were elected to the Occidental Baseball Hall of Fame, and been members of the Hall of Fame and selection committee for almost a decade.

Via earned his M.A. at Cal State L.A. in 1956 and his Ph.D. in 1969 at the Claremont Graduate School. He is a major donor to Occidental and a member of the President's Circle and Ben Culley Society.

Harper was awarded a master's by Cal State L.A. in 1957. He previously had been elected student body president of Belmont (1947) and president of Associated Students of Occidental College (1950-51). He served for many years on the Alumni Board of Governors for the College and received the 2008 Auld Lang Award from the Fifty Year Club.

<sup>1</sup> *SCIAC members then included Occidental, Caltech, Pomona, Redlands, and Whittier.*



# The Beginning

Occidental College was founded in Los Angeles on April 20, 1887, and was soon after referred to as the “Princeton of the West.” Early growth was slow until a disastrous fire of January 13, 1896, gutted the three-story Boyle Heights building, destroying most of the files, furniture, and belongings.

The College used the 6th and Hill facilities in downtown L.A. owned by St. Vincent’s (later Loyola Marymount), and by 1898 the campus was located in Highland Park. Other Southern California colleges, against whom Oxy would compete for students in athletics, debate, and other activities, included St. Vincent’s (founded in 1886), the University of Southern California (1880), University of California at Los Angeles (1881),<sup>2</sup> Pomona College (1887), Throop Institute (Caltech) and La Verne in 1891, Whittier College (1901), and Redlands University (1907). The current Eagle Rock campus was established in 1914.

<sup>2</sup> UCLA grew out of a junior college, L.A. State Normal School, and the UC Southern Branch formed in 1919, moving to Westwood in 1929.



**Members of the Occidental community (including the College and Academy) in 1895—after the introduction of baseball, but before fire destroyed the campus.**



## Oxy Baseball: The Early Years

In 1889-90 Professor James Parkhill (Oxy's fourth president, from 1896-97) organized intramural games for interested College men and Academy boys. His enthusiastic leadership laid the groundwork for establishing the nickname (Tigers) and school colors (orange and black) after his undergraduate alma mater, Princeton. Although the 1896 fire destroyed the College's early records, Oxy's first season of extramural play is documented with wins over Woodbury Business School (7-6) and Boyle Heights All Stars (10-9), and a 7-9 loss to the Stars. Games were played on the diamond located at First Street and Rowan Avenue in what is now considered part of East Los Angeles, with Parkhill as coach. The campus was nearby at Fifth and Rowan, current site of the Rowan Avenue Elementary School.

Although baseball was strictly intramural, in early 1893 an intercollegiate athletic association was formed by USC, Pomona, Oxy, and Chaffrey Prep School. They held "field days" at an athletic park on the corner of 7th and Alameda, with large enthusiastic crowds urging them on. The \$30-\$40 given to each school helped pay for uniforms, equipment, and some facilities.

Beginning in 1893, the *Occidental Record* was published as time and money provided students the opportunity to write news and literary pieces. Professor Parkhill continued to be an inspiration for the baseball program, and although no scores are documented, Oxy continued to compete against USC, Pomona, Chaffey Prep, Los Angeles High School, and the Boyle Heights all-stars. The players benefited from the recruiting and fundraising of the Rev. Guy Wadsworth, Oxy's fifth president, from 1897-1904, and the first baseball field was named in his honor. Another early asset was Professor James Newell, who served as athletic trainer and faculty adviser to the new baseball committee, which promoted the idea of having "field day" athletes turn out for the baseball team once their skills were no longer needed in other sports. He also worked to draw students to the games in support of the team.

In 1895 Occidental won its first baseball championship with an 8-3 record over USC, St. Vincent's, Pomona, and Los Angeles High School. They were coached by Professor James Parkhill,

**Pitcher Robert Patterson 1911 poses for the 1909 team photos.**

and the team captain was shortstop Alphonzo Bell 1895, a future Hall of Fame member. Articles from the era noted that coach and captain appealed to the athletic council for training quarters, showers, lockers, and massage tables.

During this period Oxy and USC began a baseball rivalry that lasted until 1968, with the Tigers going 25-29 against the Trojans. Oxy dominated through the 1920s, but huge enrollment discrepancies favored the Trojans beginning in the Depression years of the 1930s.

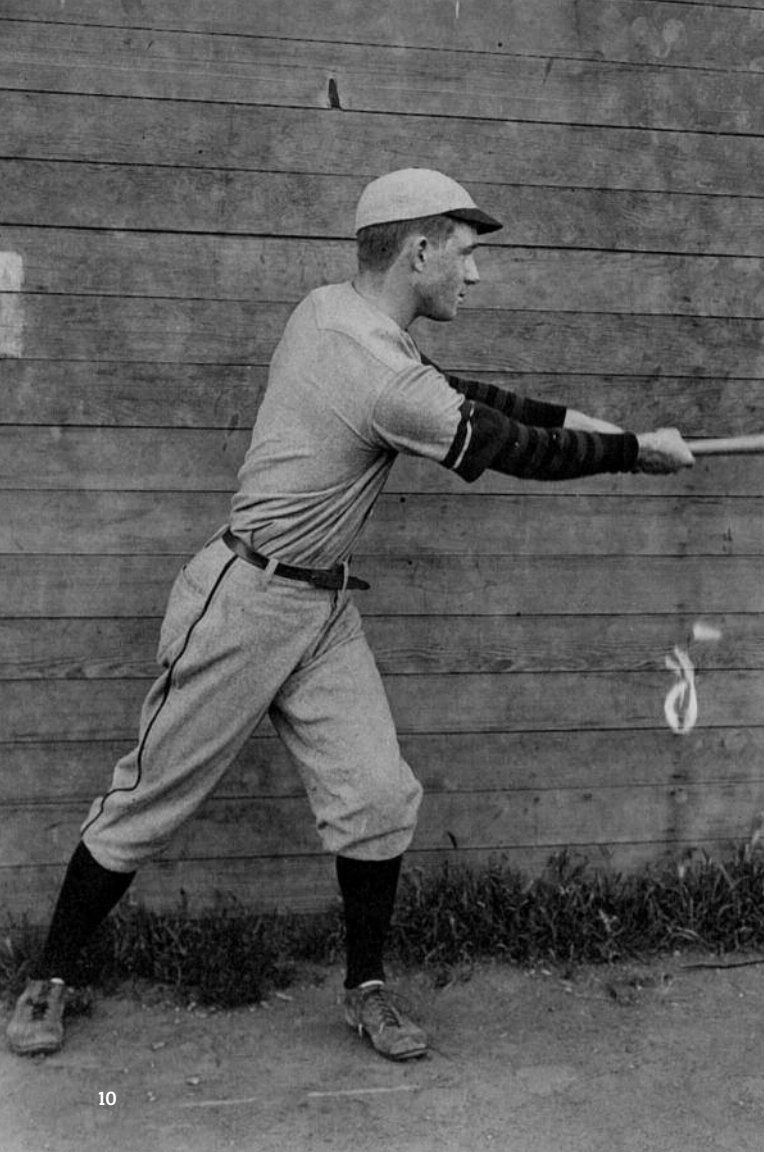
In 1896 Oxy was co-champion with USC, but the devastating January fire forced the school to temporarily hold classes in the Boyle Heights Presbyterian Church until June, when the campus was relocated to facilities owned by St. Vincent's at 6th and Hill in downtown Los Angeles. This site was readily accessible to the athletic fields of other competing schools, but for the next few years only intramural games were possible due to low enrollment. However, in 1898 the College did gain a new campus in Highland Park, moving to 13 acres at Avenues 50-51 and Monte Vista-Pasadena Avenue (now Figueroa). Several years of rebuilding both facilities and enrollment followed the move.

In 1906 Oxy was again champion of the Southern California conference with a record of 9-2-2. The coach was Ed Merrill, and the captain was second baseman Frank Beal 1907, a future Hall of Fame member. During this time vacant land was developed just northwest of the campus to house the athletic fields, including a baseball park named Baer Field, in honor of John Willis Baer (Oxy's sixth president, from 1906-16). Beal brought "Io Triumphe" and the Honor Spirit to Oxy from Albion College in Michigan and Williams College in Massachusetts, respectively. During the next few years

**Catcher Fred Johnson 1912, also from 1909.**







there were no significant baseball team accomplishments, but one future major leaguer and one Olympian emerged out of the Class of 1910. Outfielder Fred Thomson lettered in all four major sports, was named Helms athlete of the year, and later was U.S. decathlon champion and 1912 Olympian. Pitcher Dutch Hinrichs took the mound briefly in 1910 for the Washington (D.C.) Senators.

In 1910 the trustees initiated the plan for the Eagle Rock campus. Johnson, Fowler, and Swan Halls, along with Patterson Field (nee Alumni Field), were designed. In 1913 Oxy was league champion with a 6-2 record (12-5 overall). With Maine native and ex-professional catcher Wilkie Clark as coach, the team was led on the field by second baseman Duffy Seay 1913 and all-Southern California shortstop Harry Kirkpatrick 1914, who became the first freshman to letter in all four major sports in 1910-11 and was named 1913 Helms athlete of the year.

Beginning in 1910, having selected a promising site in the Eagle Rock Valley which was part of the old Glassell Ranch, the College cooperated with local Realtors to publicize "Occidental Park" as the new site of Occidental College. More than 700 choice lots on level, sloping, or hillside land were offered for \$1,000 and up, with easy terms and discounts for cash payment. The lots ranged from 150 to 175 feet deep. The Los Angeles railway, first built in 1906, was extended from downtown Los Angeles north to what is now Eagle Rock Boulevard, and continued up to Colorado Boulevard.

So, with the promise of \$2 million of community improvements and hundreds of thousands of additional dollars to be spent by the College, on April 14, 1914, the campus was dedicated. Home games were still played on Baer Field, pitcher Sid Foster was named the

**Team captain Edwin Bishop 1912.**



Athletic director Joe Pipal (top right) took an active role with the baseball team after his arrival in 1911.

conference athlete of the year, and leading hitters included Kirkpatrick (.462), first baseman Dan McKellar 1917 (.448), and Monty Montijo 1917 (.400).

In 1915 the Tigers were league champions at 6-2, with 11-4 overall, beating out USC. Junior third baseman Sam McClung 1916 was honored as athlete of the year. This season was unique in that it was the only winter schedule in Oxy history, from December 19 to March 6, primarily to get a jump on the track team's schedule and allow several outstanding athletes to be free to play baseball. Other league teams agreed to this arrangement so there would be more publicity and revenue for baseball as they would not be competing with the professional Coast League season. Games continued to be played on Baer Field, and professional umpires were hired.

That schedule also enabled Oxy to lure G. Harris "Doc" White—who won 189 major league games as a left-hander with the Chicago White Sox and Philadelphia Phillies between 1901 and 1913—to provide big league management for the Tigers during his off-season. White graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., in 1900 and as a pro he once pitched five consecutive shutouts, going 65 1/3 innings without issuing a walk. He was an excellent role model, a marvelous pitcher, a true sportsman, and a superb coach. In their league opener that season, the Tigers beat USC at Baer Field, 4-1.

Around that time, a \$15,000 gift from Mrs. William Patterson<sup>3</sup> to the College in memory of her late banker-husband and longtime College trustee was used to grade and landscape an athletic complex for football, track and field events, and eventually baseball. It is still today named Patterson Field, and in 2011 was additionally dedicated as Jack Kemp Stadium.

Another landmark event occurred during 1915 with the creation of the Southern California Intercollegiate Conference, with Oxy, Pomona, Throop (later renamed Caltech), Whittier, and Redlands as charter members. The initial season of SCIAC baseball was in 1916, and for the first five years Pomona was champion (1916-21), with the 1918 season canceled due to World War I. Oxy finished second each year, but produced several all-time batting leaders including second baseman Hal McIntosh 1916 (.500),

<sup>3</sup> *The Oxy Board of Trustees' minutes of July 10, 1916, show \$25,000 pledged by Mrs. Patterson: \$2,500 already expended for grading Alumni Field (soon to be named Patterson Field) and track, and creating a 440-yard curb around the field, thus separating it from the dirt track; \$12,500 will be used to build 1,500-seat grandstands on both East (Campus) and West (Campus Road) sides; and a 500-seat grandstand on the North end for baseball viewers; lockers, showers, training tables, etc., will be installed for both home and visiting teams, and space will be provided for storage and maintenance of groundskeeping equipment, etc., under the west stands and storage space for portable bleachers, risers, and other materials under the east stands; and \$10,000 will be forthcoming in 1919 for grass turf to replace the heretofore use of sawdust, tanbark, and dirt for the football field.*



first baseman Al Creighton 1916 (.473), shortstop Shorty Smith 1917 (.470), pitcher Monty Montijo (.357), and pitcher/second baseman Sid Foster 1916 (.352). The 1916 team was the highest performing non-championship squad in Oxy history (eighth all-time), going 17-4 and 7-1 in SCIAC play while finishing second to Pomona's perfect 8-0. (Another statistical oddity: After 1921, Pomona teams won no more SCIAC baseball titles for the remainder of the century—which must have frustrated more than a few Sagehens coaches.)

Oxy's 1916 games were mostly scheduled away, due to the Baer Field facility being rented out to Los Angeles College (formerly St. Vincent's). Some practice games were played against the Los Angeles Angels and semi-pro all-star teams.

The 1917 season was shortened due to the United States' entry into World War I that April. Walter Boles, an Angels catcher (1912-19), coached the team initially, but after being called to duty, he asked his former Angels manager, Frank "Cap" Dillon, to come out of retirement and finish the season. The first game ever played at Patterson Field was Saturday, May 12, 1917. (That first game was also filmed by Mary Pickford's Fox Film Company, for which 1910 graduate Fred Thomson—Pickford's favorite cowboy film star—both worked and acted. Prior to Pomona defeating Oxy 5-2, personnel from the Film Company played a five-inning exhibition game.) Home plate was located in the northeast portion of the field, with left-handed batters having a very short 200-foot right field fence in front of the west-side bleachers. Balls hit into the stands were ground rule doubles between the foul pole and right center field.

In 1918 all SCIAC teams lost key players to the war effort, so the season was cancelled for the only time in history. The following year, the conference ruled that freshmen were eligible for varsity play for one year only as the colleges recovered from the stress of war. The Tigers struggled early in the season, but eventually hit their stride and won 10 straight games, primarily from the dominating pitching of Ross Alcock '21, a future Hall of Fame inductee.



**A Tigers squad before the move from Highland Park to Eagle Rock.**



# Roaring Through the '20s

When Johnny came marching home again in early 1919 following WWI, “the war to end all wars,” he returned from the only Oxy year (1918) since 1902 that failed to produce an Oxy Tigers baseball squad. The first year of resurrection (1919) was a successful 10-5 season, but only 3-3 in league play and a tie for second place, same as in 1917. The coach was Herb “Pep” White (not to be confused with Harris “Doc” White, coach of the “winter” champs of 1915).

After that, Oxy endured five years of sub-.500 baseball under five different coaches (including Hall of Fame shortstop Harry Kirkpatrick 1914). In 1920, the titular coach was Fox Stanton, who had been director of athletics in 1917 and a trainer of WWI troops in 1918-19. Being primarily a football coach, Stanton was happy to turn the team over to his assistant, Lee Thompson '24, who, though enrolled as a college freshman, was a 22-year-old veteran of WWI. Thompson knew baseball well and left Oxy to pitch for the Chicago White Sox in 1921. There his left-handed screwball was coveted, but an arm injury forced his premature retirement after a mere 20 days in the majors.

The single bright spot during this period was the 1919 career of Ross Alcock '21, who emerged as one of Oxy's greatest all-time versatile ballplayers, excelling both on the mound and with the bat. He won 13 games striking out 20, 19, 18, 17, 15, and 14, averaging 13 per game, while batting .342 and never making an error during his Oxy career.

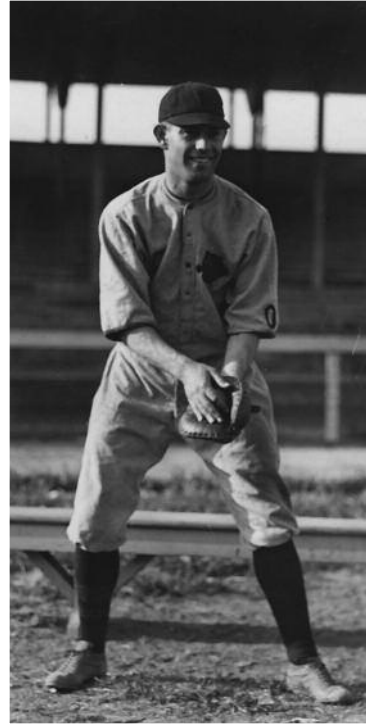
In the summer of 1920 Alcock was elected captain of the team, but unfortunately, due perhaps to the influence of his brother, Scotty, who played for the Pacific Coast League Vernon Tigers as an infielder, Ross accepted money to play during that summer. It was made public, and he was ruled ineligible for his senior year for baseball but allowed to practice with and coach the players and compete in tennis and track. Second baseman Fred Curtis '21 was elected new captain, and batted lead-off.

In an unusual 15-inning marathon game against USC in 1920, Oxy tied the Trojans, 5-5, at Exposition Park. Patterson Field was not always available for baseball, due to sharing it with other sports and activities, so the Tigers often practiced and played at Arroyo Seco Playground. Lee Thompson '24, a southpaw pitcher, enrolled as a returning vet freshman from WWI and actually managed the team on the field, and then joined the Chicago White Sox in 1921. Left-fielder and clean-up man Jim Hitch '21 led the team in batting with a .375 average.

A 1922 frosh team highlight had Squint Fulton '25 throwing the first no-hitter on Patterson Field, beating a visiting Franklin High School squad that included future Hall of Famer Bud Teachout '27, 6-0.

The 1920 (second), 1921 (tied for fifth), 1922 (fourth), 1923 (fourth), and 1924 (fifth) teams were handicapped by having





**LEFT:** Bill Betts '23 hit for the cycle in a 1923 game, while also stealing second, third, and home for the game-winning run—a singular achievement in the annals of Oxy baseball. **RIGHT:** A four-sport athlete at Oxy, Cliff Argue '24 was offered a pro contract in baseball but excelled as a sprinter for the Tigers.

several key players competing in track and field, and joining the baseball team halfway or more through the season.

In 1923, shortstop Bill Betts '23 hit for the cycle, while also stealing second, third, and home with the winning run, all in the same game. This feat has never been recorded again in Oxy baseball history. Also, 1923 produced the worst single performance game in Oxy history, losing at Patterson Field on May 7 to visiting Stanford University 21-4, while making 16 errors and giving up six walks. They were only out-hit 7-6. Although the team as a whole was described as “weak hitting and fielding,” Shortstop Betts, pitcher Fulton, and center fielder Shizona “Zuke” Tanaka '26 were notable exceptions. Pitcher John Powers '26 was team captain.

Occidental baseball took a major turn in 1924 with the hiring of journeyman coach Wilkie Clark, who returned to the Tigers 10 years after steering the 1913 team to a league crown. His '24 squad finished 4-6 in the league, but became the forerunner of one of Oxy's greatest sports dynasties and the teams with the highest winning percentage in history. The incoming Class of '27—which included left-handed pitcher Bud Teachout, catcher Rats Brobst, first baseman Solly Mishkin, third baseman Mike Godett, and shortstop/captain Les Haserot—gave indication of the varsity success ahead by going 18-1 as freshmen, with Teachout going 15-0.

In 1925 Clark began his streak of championship seasons by going 26-5 and 11-1 in league play. This was the first gathering of one of the single most potent baseball teams in College history, centered around Teachout, Mishkin, Haserot,

Godett, and captain/third baseman Zukie Tanaka '26. On their way to a title they beat Cal, Stanford, USC, Loyola, La Verne, and no-hit Arizona 9-0 behind Teachout. His 4-2 win in 11 innings against USC included 17 strikeouts. He also beat Stanford 4-3 at the Coliseum by outpitching Ernie Nevers, the All-American footballer and future St. Louis Browns pitcher. Godett and Teachout also excelled as football ends, Mishkin in basketball and (with Tanaka) made Phi Beta Kappa.

They repeated in 1926 at 18-6 and 9-1 in league, including losses of 5-4 to Seattle's professional Pacific Coast League Rookies and 11-2 to the local Hollywood Stars. Bill Anderson was given credit for much of the team's success with his conditioning exercises and training talents. Mishkin batted .500 and fielded 1.000 at first base. Haserot hit .432 and had six consecutive hits in Oxy's final two games of the season, while Teachout had seven wins. An unusual record was established by outfielder Herm Fagley '27, who became the only "perfect" player in Oxy history by going one for one at the plate and catching the only fly to him in his only game appearance. He finished on top 1.000 and 1.000. Off the diamond, Mishkin founded Develop Occidental (D.O.), a service and booster club for campus leaders.

The 1927 team was so talented they were able to schedule the Chicago Cubs and Hollywood Stars (losing to the Cubs, 2-0, and playing the Stars to a scoreless tie). They were 13-3 and 7-1 in league play, winning their third title in a row. Coach Clark saved Teachout to win the SCIAC championship game, while Oxy two days earlier lost to St. Mary's 12-6, which cost

**Bud Teachout '27 pitched for the Chicago Cubs in the majors.**



them bragging rights as the top team in the state that season. Oxy's reputation led to invitations from around the country, Hawaii, and Japan for contests, but travel funds were not available.

Shortstop Haserot captained both the 1924 freshman squad and the 1927 varsity team three years later. Teachout and Godett were ranked as All-West Coast ends in football and Mishkin was captain of the Oxy basketball squad. He and Godett were teammates at Hollywood High School, while Teachout and Brobst matriculated from nearby Franklin in Highland Park (with Teachout pitching them to the high school state championship in 1923). A 1927 seasonal highlight was Teachout's 5-hit, 3-1 win over USC at Bovard Field, as Clark outcoached "Wahoo" Sam Crawford of the Trojans, a Cooperstown Hall of Fame center fielder, who played beside Ty Cobb in the Detroit Tigers outfield.

Following their graduation, Teachout signed with Detroit for \$5,000 and later had a 12-6 record with the Chicago Cubs. First baseman Mishkin played several years with the San Francisco Seals. Haserot played for the Pacific Coast League Mission Bells and would gain fame as a coach at John C. Fremont High School in Los Angeles, winning seven city championships during the 1930s and 1940s and sending several players to the major leagues.

The 1928 squad, although losing the heart of its lineup to graduation, managed to tie for second in the league at 7-3. The stars that season were future Hall of Famers pitcher-outfielder Al De Hoog and outfielders Maurice "Slug" Nathan and Glenn Rozelle. De Hoog's arm injury during the early part of the season probably cost them a fourth straight title.

1929—the year of the stock market crash and Clark's retirement from the coaching ranks—proved to be a memorable season. Clark skippered the first of Oxy's five eventual undefeated-in-league champs, with the remaining four coached by Bill Anderson toward the beginning and end of his 25-year tenure: 1932, 1934, 1952, and 1954.

Clark went out with a bang, winning 18 and losing only 4, three of those to USC. They were 8-0 in the SCIAC, with De Hoog going 7-0 and averaging 12 Ks per game. Nathan hit .450 and Rozelle .350. All of these men became Hall of Famers. It was a memorable ending to one of the premier periods in Occidental baseball history.

In summarizing the Clark era, the headline was excellence. Although his tenure was split between 1912-13 and 1924-29, he won five titles in eight seasons and had the highest winning percentage in school history. In five consecutive league seasons, his teams were 42-6 (.875), finishing first four times and missing a fifth by one game, due to De Hoog's sore arm. Nine of his players were inducted into the Oxy Hall of Fame, and several had professional baseball careers. Wilkie Clark ranks on a very short list as one of Oxy's greatest coaches. He wintered in his home state of Maine, acting as a guide for hunters and woodsmen; his springs and summers were spent coaching in colleges and pro leagues, and autumns were for harvesting timber and woodcutting for the long winter's needs.







## The Depression Years (1930-1941)

Thundering out of the roaring '20s, Occidental baseball had forged a new level of achievement under Wilkie Clark with his outstanding Tiger squads of 1925, '26, '27, and '29. As the stock market crash had brought the country down in October 1929, Bill Anderson took on the task of continuing Oxy's winning ways by assuming the coaching duties for the new decade.

Anderson had arrived on campus in the fall of 1924, seven years removed from his playing days as an all-star halfback at the University of Illinois. His first assignment in Eagle Rock was athletic trainer, and he soon became coach of freshman baseball and basketball, winning championships in baseball in '26, '28, and '29, while assisting Clark with the varsity powerhouse squads of the late 1920s. Among his initial 1930 starters were future Hall of Famer slugging outfielder Maurice "Slug" Nathan '30, who hit .404, captain and first baseman Bill Adams '31, and Al De Hoog '30, who struck out 156 in 104 innings, or 15 per game, and setting school records by fanning 20 each against both Redlands and Fresno State. The new varsity coach continued his frosh success with a second-place finish in 1930 to champion Whittier, compiling a 6-2 league and 19-8 overall record. He followed up in 1931 with an almost identical record of 6-2 league and 19-6 overall and another second-place finish. Leading the team were catcher and team captain Warren "Stoney" Johnston '31, third baseman Meb Schroeder '33 (hitting .462), and second baseman Art Powers '31 (.432).

**Catcher Glenn Groves '39 was Oxy's freshman athlete of the year in 1936.**

Due to the onset of the stock market crash and widespread financial crisis throughout the country, it was a time of severe hardship for many students, especially those attending private colleges. Maintaining a stable roster in any sport was a challenge, and Anderson found the entire baseball schedule threatened the following season when the school planned to drop the sport. He rallied his players, supportive students, and alumni; promised the administration a championship; and delivered his first of 10 SCIAC winners, going 4-0 in a Depression-shortened season. The 1932 squad was led by captain and third baseman/shortstop Schroeder (.352), an eventual Hall of Famer, later having a distinguished career as an educator in the Los Angeles Unified School District; and center fielder Bob Holmes '33, who led the league in hitting at .377.

1933 saw the addition of La Verne and Santa Barbara into the league, as frequent realignment was used during tough financial years to maintain competition and accommodate schools with shifting enrollments. The Tigers fell to 10-9 overall, but had a good 8-4 league season, finishing fourth. They were led by captain and center fielder Holmes, an eventual Hall of Famer. Third baseman Harry Kallshian '35 brought acclaim to the team by achieving Phi Beta Kappa honors and playing the hot corner skillfully. This was also the year of the historic Long Beach earthquake: March 10, 1933. Second baseman Terry Bartron '34, who also played tennis and golf, was named to the first team All-SCIAC. Holmes and right fielder John "Tuffy" Reed '34 made the second team.

Only once in Oxy's 100-year baseball history has the team gone undefeated for the entire season in both league and practice games. In 1934 they were 11-0 in a Great Depression-shortened SCIAC schedule and 12-0 overall. Undefeated pitcher-captain Hal McMillan '35 highlighted the year and was later honored as a Hall of Famer along with shortstop/pitcher Bob Ackland '34, who hit for the cycle against Redlands and batted .500 for the year; and second baseman Terry Bartron '34. Left fielder Tony Villard hit .378, while the entire team batted .345, one of the highest in Oxy history. On the '34 frosh, shortstop/pitcher Hershel Lyons '37 struck out 23 against Caltech at Brookside Park, winning 6-1. Oxy repeated in 1935 with back-to-back championships and a 7-1 league and 12-4 overall record. The team was led by co-captains first baseman Frank Jakel '35 and catcher John Rowland '35, both of whom would earn Hall of Fame honors. Rowland is Occidental's all-time career batting leader for catchers at .425 and hit .483 to lead the SCIAC. Villard had another outstanding season at .370, playing second base.

For the next six years in closing out the decade, the Tigers were not a factor, playing below .500 each season. Highlights during this period included Hall of Famer Lyons, one of Oxy's greatest all-around players, with a career .386 average while pitching a no-hitter and with 17 strikeouts in 1937. He was ambidextrous, according to his teammate Tsuneo Tajima '37, who shared this note with his brother Ted '46. Other no-hit games were fashioned by Bill Blaylock '38 in 1938 and John Broughten '39 in 1939. Teams during this period lost several players who were forced to leave school and seek employment. A highlight of the 1940 season was co-captain Bud Young hitting .390, while Clayton Jenkins '42 went 5-for-6 in his last game against Redlands.



# War Games and the Aftermath (1942-1949)

Having survived the Depression years, yet attaining three league titles in 1932, '34, and '35, and producing eight Hall of Fame players, the baseball program entered the decade of WWII with Coach Anderson also assuming the responsibilities of athletic director. Anderson's most challenging life event occurred when he was almost killed in an auto accident in his hometown of Ohio, Ill., and spent the '42 season rehabilitating and rooting for the team while recovering. On April 4, 1942, Anderson was wheelchaired from his home near campus to Patterson Field to inspire his team to a championship season.

Roy Dennis '33 managed the Tigers on the field, and that resulted in a league championship at 6-3 and 16-5 overall. This was another year reflecting the social dislocation of the '30s and '40s with Pomona suspending its baseball program due to the war. It was a season of rare individual hitting achievement by Oxy players. For the only time in school history, four Tigers batted over .400: Clayton Jenkins '42 (.478), Bob Johnson '43 (.461), Bill Bonhall '44 (.444), and Don Marvin '48 (.423).

Oxy's 1942 squad was talent-laden, with Jack "Skipper" Scoles '42, outfielder Jenkins, outfielder/pitcher Johnson, and shortstop Bonhall all achieving Hall of Fame status. Scoles was unique in that he often pitched and won the first game of a double-header and then caught the second game, earning him the nickname the "human battery." Following Anderson's recovery, which left him with a severe permanent limp, his team again repeated as league champion in 1943 with an 11-1 record and 16-8 overall. Oxy also participated in a second league that year against USC, UCLA, Loyola, and Pepperdine, a result of a manpower shortage during the war and the need for additional local competition that avoided long road travel during times of gasoline rationing. The team was again captained by Bonhall, one of Oxy's all-time greatest shortstops, out of Long Beach Poly High School, who was All-Conference for two years but missed his senior season serving in the Navy during the Battle of Okinawa. At .427, he and second baseman Ned Clark '47 (.441) and first baseman/pitcher Bill Dale '44 (.500) were chosen All-SCIAC. Clark was also Phi Beta Kappa, along with outfielder Dave Thomas '43 and third baseman Dick English '44. The next year, Anderson was given additional responsibilities as adviser for the military trainees in the Naval V-12 program. One of its members was shortstop Grant Dunlap '46, who led the league in hitting .464 and later returned to coach the Tigers in 1955. The '44 team finished third in the SCIAC and fifth in the second league with USC and UCLA.

The last year of the war (1945) was an unusual season in that Caltech won the title in a league with Oxy, USC, UCLA, and



Less than a year removed from his car accident, Bill Anderson (standing alongside team manager Dave Rees '45) returned to active coaching duty as the Tigers went 11-1 in SCIAC play in 1943. His fifth championship team included (l-r) Walter "Dutch" Ruether '45, Bob Williams '44, Bob Johnson '43, Bill Dale '44, Dick English '44, Ned Clark '47, Ray Bishop '43, Bob Coots '45, Bill Bonhall '44, Bill "Ace" Nelson '44, John Osterman '47 M'50, Dave Thomas '43, and Bill Greene '45.



Pepperdine. Six games had to be cancelled due to a polio scare, and the highlight for Oxy was captain Les Nagler '48's no-hitter against Pepperdine, winning 7-0 and also shutting them out a second time, 1-0, on a three-hitter.

Following the surrender of Japan in August 1945, Oxy returned to the champion's role in 1946 with a 5-1 league and 12-7 overall record. Outfielder Bill Greene '45 hit .456 to lead the league and later was honored by induction into the Hall of Fame. He remains tied for second place on the all-time career batting list at .425 with catcher John Rowland '35. His very unusual tenure at Oxy included two championship seasons in '43 and '46, separated by two years of military service. The two seasons he played, there were no All-Conference teams chosen, so he never received the recognition he deserved for his remarkable career.

Closing out the 1940s, Oxy played .573 ball for the next four years and did not challenge for the league title. This was the period of returning vets and the rebuilding of the program, which produced several outstanding athletes who later gained Hall of Fame honors, including shortstop Doug MacKenzie '50, first/second baseman Lodi Galassi '50, third baseman/center fielder Ed Harper '51, and first baseman Carl Manoogian '51. Harper also has the distinction of hitting the first home run on the new diamond (later named Bill Anderson Field) after the team moved from Patterson Field in 1950. He also has the unusual distinction of being Oxy's all-time leadoff career RBI leader.

This period also saw the emergence of the great influence of Ben Culley, dean of students, who came to Oxy in 1943 and began an enormously successful recruitment program of student athletes in all sports, but particularly in baseball. He had a vast list of coaching contacts through his affiliation with his work as a sports referee. Culley died in 1982.

In recognition of his work as dean of men, dean of students, and director of financial aid, Culley was the first administrator to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Since then, other administrators who served the College and baseball program with distinction have been admitted to the hall, including presidents James Parkhill and Guy Wadsworth.

**John Trump '49 was first team All-SCIAC in football (at halfback) and baseball in 1948.**



## Anderson's Golden Years (1950-1954)

On May 28, 1950, pitcher Bob Hall '50 beat Loyola 2-1 in the first official game played on the new field. With the outbreak of hostilities on the Korean Peninsula that summer, Occidental established and required membership in an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), which included most of the baseball players.

Over the next four years, Bill Anderson fielded some of his greatest teams that rank among the best in school history—and the only period in Tigers baseball that produced four consecutive championships. Some students and graduate assistants for these championship years included managers/scorekeepers Dave Ledbetter '52 and Barney Polesky '54, and assistant coaches Dick Thompson '51 in 1951, Harper in 1952, Don Marvin '48 in 1953, and Bill Gelsinger '56 in 1954.

Oxy's title run began in 1951, when the Tigers went 9-1 in league (15-5 overall) led by third baseman Harper, first baseman Manoogian, pitcher Bob Ashford '52, catcher/outfielder Cliff Ditto '52, and catcher/outfielder Matt Kurilich '53, all of whom are Hall of Famers. (Ditto, who died in 1989, won the L.A. City baseball championship in 1960; was a Major League scout for 21 years with the Padres, Expos, and Angels; managed Minor League affiliates for eight years; and signed eventual Cooperstown inductees Tony Gwynn, Ozzie Smith, and Randy Johnson, while developing Gwynn and Smith for the majors.)

The following year (1952) was the first undefeated league season since 1934, with Oxy going 10-0 and 15-5 overall. Ashford had a



**Bill Anderson's teams won 10 championships in his 25 years as head coach.**



Occidental's 1952 squad went 10-0 in conference play and 15-5 overall. Front row (l-r): Murray Via '54, Gordon Bonetto '53, Russ Groat '53, Todd Tennyson '53, Matt Kurilich '53, and Bud Stewart '52. Middle row: Bill Breon '55, Frank Bennett '54, Jim Burt '55, Terry Vargo '54, Cliff Ditto '52, Bob Ashford '52, and Coach Bill Anderson. Back row: Bill Skilling '53, Pat Delaney '55, Bruce Hatton '55, Bill Rodman '53, Don Kircher '55, Walt Cook '55, Bob Stiffler '54, and Assistant Coach Ed Harper '51. (Not pictured are Steve Colwell '55, Jim De Frates '58, Rudy Diaz '54, Al Padilla '53, and Al Werker '53.)

career year by winning nine games and hitting .600 to lead the league. He now ranks fourth all-time with a 20-3 (.870) win-loss record. This season also saw the construction of Oxy's first mobile batting cage by Walter Via, Minnesota Twins and New York Yankees scout and father of center fielder Murray Via '54, who located netting from a San Pedro fisherman to complete the project. Ashford was named Occidental's co-athlete of the year for 1951-52.

In 1953, the Tigers made it three straight with a 6-2 SCIAC and 15-4 overall record. Via led the league with a .500 batting average. Team co-captains were pitcher Russ Groat '53 and second baseman Gordon Bonetto '53 (whose cousin, first baseman Tom Bonetto '62, and nephew, third baseman Tom E. Bonetto '90, are in Oxy's Baseball Hall of Fame alongside Gordon).

In a fitting send-off for Coach Anderson's retirement, the team won its fourth consecutive title in 1954, finishing 8-0 in conference play and 18-3 overall. Anderson was voted into the NAIA Coaches Hall of Fame, but his squad could not participate in the NAIA playoffs, which did not begin until 1957. Ten of his players were selected all-SCIAC, the only time in league history that one team had 50 percent of the all-SCIAC positions.

The first team included the entire infield of first baseman Ken Wolters '57, second baseman Gil McFadden '54 (who led the league with a .434 batting average), third baseman Jim Burt '55, and shortstop Ed Marshall '56. Other first-string positions went to pitcher Frank Bennett '54, outfielder Pat Delaney '55, and Via.

Three second-stringers were catcher Jim Hollinger '56 and outfielders Gary Hess '56 and Mike Bell '55. Sophomore Dick Sovde '56 finished the season against Whittier with a no-hitter, and Bennett earlier no-hit Caltech, the only time in Oxy history that two pitchers threw no-hitters in the same season. Nine of those players are in the Hall of Fame: Bennett, Burt, Delaney, Hess, Hollinger, McFadden, Sovde, Via, and Wolters. Bennett never lost a league game in three years and ranks third all-time in career won-lost at 16-2 (.889), with Sovde ranked 12th at 18-6 (.750). Via is Oxy's all-time career batting leader at .435, RBI leader at .348, and seasonal batting record-holder at .500. He stole an NAIA- and NCAA-record eight bases in a league game, and he was the first Oxy player chosen first-string all-SCIAC for three straight years while on three consecutive championship teams.

Via, McFadden, Burt, Delaney, Hollinger, and Bell are all on the top career RBI list, and McFadden ranks sixth all-time with a career batting average of .400. This was a very formidable group of athletes whose team batting average at .351 is tied with the '52 squad as the highest in Oxy history.



**Delaney, Via, and Dick Dreher '57 in 1953.**



## Summing Up the Anderson Years (1924-1954)

Six decades after Bill Anderson's retirement, a review of his accomplishments and contributions reveal his impact on the baseball program, the athletic department, and the positive influence upon hundreds of student-athletes. He coached baseball at Oxy for 30 years, including his work during the '20s assisting Wilkie Clark, while doubling as freshman coach. He won more championships—



baseball, basketball, and football (including frosh and varsity)—than any other coach in Oxy history. He had the highest winning percentage for all championship teams. His teams compiled the highest seasonal batting averages. He coached four of the five undefeated league teams. He coached the only team that won all of its games in both league and practice in an entire season. He coached five of the top 10 teams and four of the top Hall of Fame teams. He coached the teams that became winners of the only four consecutive championships in school history. He coached the all-time batting and RBI leader. He coached three of the top four pitchers. He coached the only two pitchers to throw no-hitters in the same season. And he accomplished most of this after surviving an auto accident that nearly killed him and left him physically impaired for the rest of his life.

Yet, after all of these years and his death (11 days shy of his 78th birthday) in 1969, Coach Anderson is remembered by his players not for the winning seasons and record-setting teams, but rather for his stature as a man. He was the reason his teams wanted to excel and achieve at the highest possible level. He inspired greatness, because Bill Anderson was a great human being who also happened to be a baseball coach.

## Line Drives

**Bill Gelsinger '56** was the assistant coach of the great 1954 team and gave all the signs. The players—who had won three straight titles using Bill Anderson's very obvious signals (two fists in front meant "bunt")—couldn't follow the letters-pants-cap-skin-ear signs that Gelsinger so artfully displayed. But with a good deal of guesswork, they got through the SCIAA season undefeated.

**Coach Bill Anderson** may have had a terrible limp, but you would never know it when the automatic sprinkler came on while he was in the outfield during batting practice. He would beat everyone off the field while dashing for dry ground.

**Dean of men Ben Culley** strengthened the baseball program through his recruiting of student-athletes, and he often showed up after class hours to throw batting practice. Everyone wanted to hit line drives off the dean's best pitches, which he threw with machine-like precision.

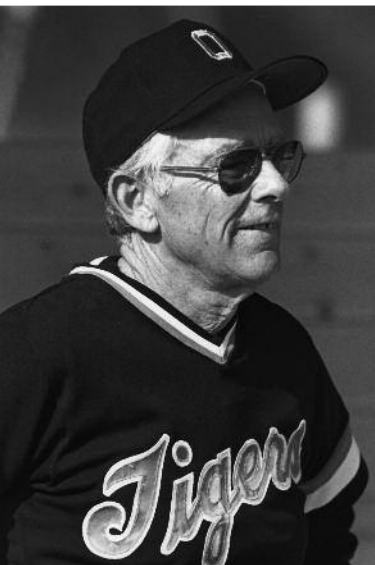
**Pitchers Russ Groat '53, Dick Dreher '57, Frank Bennett '54 (standing, l-r) and catcher Ray Todd '57 in 1953.**



The 1954 baseball team sent Coach Bill Anderson out on a high note, going 8-0 in conference play (18-3 overall) and clinching Oxy's fourth consecutive SCIAC crown. Front row (l-r): Anderson, Jim Hollinger '56, Ed Marshall '56, Bob Risley '56, John Irons '56, Gary Hess '56, Mike Lomen '56, and Murray Via '54. Back row: Frank Bennett '54, Mike Bell '55, Dick Sovde '56, Jim Burt '55, Ken Wolters '57, and Bill Gelsinger '56. (Not pictured are Gil McFadden '54, Pat Delaney '55, Don Kircher '55, and Assistant Coach Bill Gelsinger '56.)

# The Grant Dunlap Years (1955-1984)

Grant Lester Dunlap was born on December 20, 1923, in Stockton, Calif. He grew up in that community playing sports, and was talented enough at baseball to be signed by the Cincinnati Reds at age 17 in 1941. Thus began a professional baseball career which—even though the odyssey took 12 years and had stops in numerous minor league ballparks—landed him in the majors in 1953 with the St. Louis Cardinals. (In 17 plate appearances between April 21 and July 28, 1953, Dunlap collected six hits, including a home run and a triple, and three RBIs.)



After playing for the Cleveland Indians' Class D Appleton Papermakers in the Wisconsin League in 1942, Dunlap's professional career was interrupted by a stint in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in the South Pacific and China during World War II before enrolling at Oxy in the V-12 program. Rules in those days did not prohibit athletes from playing a sport in college after they had professional experience, and Dunlap excelled for the Tigers in the 1944 season at shortstop, batting .464 and being chosen first-team All-Conference. During that season, Dunlap began to develop a long-term relationship with Dean Ben Culley, who had come to Oxy from Eagle Rock High School to teach in the V-12 program. It was a friendship that lasted until Culley's death in 1982.

At the end of the 1952 season, Dunlap played 13 games for the Los Angeles Angels in the Class AAA Pacific Coast League, and longtime Angels fan Culley went to the ballpark to watch Dunlap. In between games of a doubleheader one day, Culley talked to Dunlap about eventually succeeding Bill Anderson as the Tigers' coach. Dunlap wanted to coach both baseball and basketball, and in 1955, with his playing days behind him, Dunlap returned to Oxy in 1955 upon Anderson's retirement to fill his former coach's coaching shoes. He began a remarkable run, winning eight championships in his first 14 years, while finishing second another five times. His teams completely dominated the SCIAC during those years, 1955-1968.

As the league expanded with the addition of Claremont and La Verne, Dunlap's remaining 16 years produced only one title in 1982, due to the superiority of the added programs. His first squad in 1955 had several carryover starters from the Anderson

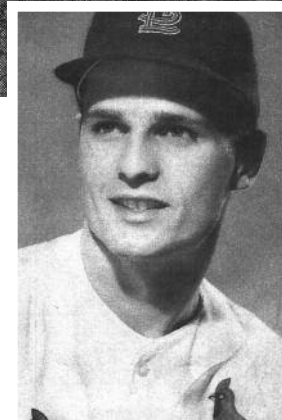
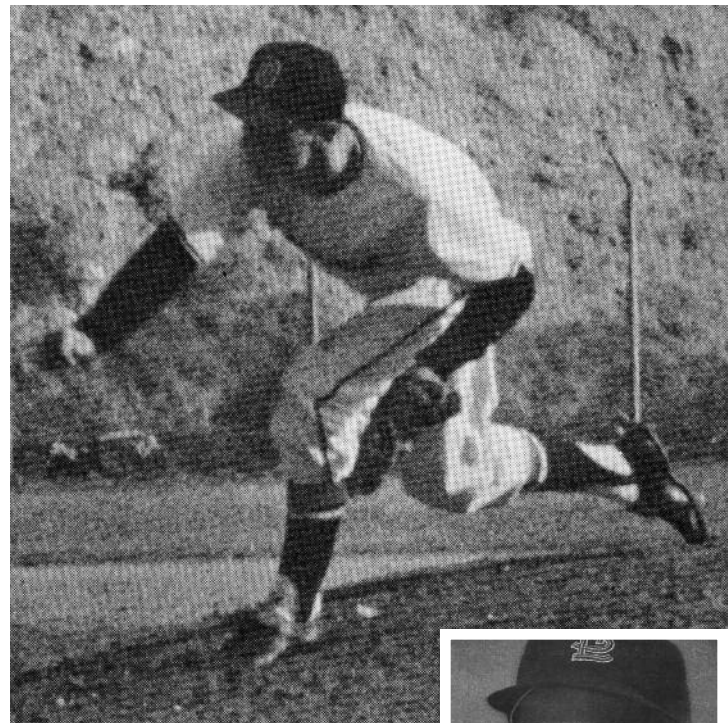


championship years, including All-Conference players pitcher Dick Sovde, catcher and captain Jim Hollinger, shortstop Ed Marshall, and outfielders Gary Hess and Mike Bell. Sovde, who had earlier thrown a no-hitter against Whittier in the last game of the '54 season, later became a Hall of Famer and spent 10 years in professional baseball. He led the '55 Tigers to a second-place finish and set the tone for the next three championship years.

The '56 squad was led by All-SCIAC first baseman Dick Burns '57 and all-league second baseman Tom McGetchin '59, both future Hall of Famers. Sovde again excelled on the mound. The Tigers shared the title with Caltech, one of the few ever achieved by the Pasadena team. Sovde was chosen Oxy's athlete of the year in recognition of his outstanding pitching and basketball achievements.

The Tigers repeated in 1957 as SCIAC champs with a 12-4 record. Burns and McGetchin were back, with other Hall of Famers leading the way, including third baseman Ken McKenna '59, pitcher Jim Dallas '57, returning vet Ken Wolters, first baseman from Anderson's '53 and '54 champions, and center fielder Kal Badran '58. Morrie Adams '58 hit .400 in league play to spark the offense. In the 1958 season, the Tigers made it three straight with another 12-4 year and then finished third in regional playoffs, a prelude to later Hall of Fame team induction. Badran had a career year hitting .396 and being named first team All-SCIAC along with McKenna, who was 12-0, and catcher Wayne Sink '59, who hit .367 as a future Hall of Famer along with Jerry Regnier '60, whom Dunlap called "finest fielding first baseman, the likes of which appears once every 30 years."

For the next three seasons, Dunlap's teams were very competitive, but finished second, second, and third. The '60 and '61 squads were led by catcher Carl Riefler '63, pitcher Bob Proctor '62, and first baseman Tom Bonetto—future Hall of Famers all. The 1962 season saw the beginning of a second Dunlap championship streak of three titles led by Bonetto at .400 and Proctor, who ended his three-season career at 20-9, while



**Don Hagen '64 pitched two dominant years for Oxy before being drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in December 1963.**



1967 was expected to be a rebuilding year for the Tigers, but wound up being Grant Dunlap '46's winningest squad. Front row (l-r) : Bob MacNamara '68, Mike Welch '67, Philip "Chip" Garcia '68, Tim Brown '67, John Kinard '69, John Orzeck '70, Rich Gaines '68, Mike Rice '69, and the team's bat boy. Back row: Chris Synodis '69, Jim Rough '68, Gordon Campbell '68, Dick Dorfman '68, Greg Millikan '70, Ronald Ward '67, John Hay '69, Gordon Marsh '68, and Coach Dunlap.



averaging one strikeout per inning. He was overshadowed in '62 by the extraordinary year of Don Hagen '64, who threw two no-hitters in the same week, including the only perfect game in Oxy history against Redlands. In addition to Hagen, other Hall of Fame members on this squad were catchers Bob Ruffner '64 and first baseman Doug Beacham '64. A most inspirational player on this team was southpaw pitcher Nelson Gary '62, who competed with only one arm.

The 1963 team repeated as champion, with Hagen leading the way by beating both USC and UCLA. He finished his career at 23-1, with an ERA of 1.05 and the best strikeouts-to-walks ratio in school history at 13:2. An arm injury ended his promising professional career with the St. Louis Cardinals organization. Hagen, Beacham, and second baseman Carlisle George '63 were first-string All-SCIAC. That year the All-American selections were initiated for SCIAC teams, and Hagen became the first recipient. Right fielder Ted Mills '65 shared RBI honors in the 4-1 win at USC with Beacham (2) and Hagen, and his 24 hits (.320) was second on the team to George's 30 (.367 and four homers).

In 1964 the Tigers made it three straight for the second time in nine years with a 12-3 league record. Ruffner, Beacham, and third baseman John Keeler '65 at .370 led the offense, Steve Harper '66 at 12-1 and an ERA of 0.87 led the pitching corps. Shortstop Tracy Wheeler '65 led the team in runs scored.

After a second troika of champions, Dunlap's teams remained competitive, but finished fourth in 1965 and second in 1966. Outfielder Jim Wanless '66 and first baseman Mike Welch '67 (grandson of Oxy Baseball Hall of Famer Harry Kirkpatrick '14) excelled during this time, and were honored with All-SCIAC recognition. Steve Harper finished his career at 24-9 and a 1.67 ERA, making first-team All-Conference in 1964 and second-team in 1965 and 1966.

The next two years represented the finest collection of talent ever coached by Dunlap in his 30-year career. They won two titles, produced a national semi-finalist in '67, and had six members inducted into the Hall of Fame, including pitcher/third baseman Chip Garcia '68, pitcher Greg Millikan '70, first baseman Welch, center fielder Chris Synodis '69, and pitchers John Kinard '69 and Scott Larson '71. This squad went 32-6 (.842), produced more wins than any team in Oxy history, and holds the school record for the longest winning streak at 18 games. Highlights included Millikan's no-hitter and All-American



**A three-time All-SCIAC selection and career .320 hitter, Mike Welch '67 was one of Oxy's best defensive first basemen as well.**



selection for both Garcia and Synodis. Fittingly, the 1967 squad was Dunlap's first team inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Following the Tigers' 1968 championship season, the competitive nature of the SCIAC began to shift. Although Claremont-Mudd had been in the league the entire decade, they only played .200 ball against the Tigers during that period; but it all began to change at the dawn of a new decade. Claremont-Mudd won its first title in 1970 and repeated the next year, followed by the re-entrance of La Verne into the league in '72. The Leopards dominated for the next two decades, winning 15 titles in 18 years.

Oxy won its last title in 1982 and finished second four times between '68 and '84, but could not break through against the La Verne program. This period did, however, produce some of Oxy's brightest baseball stars, including catcher Dan Guererro '72, center fielder Brad Nelson '72, shortstop Miguel Mejia '75, third baseman Greg Ring '74, and pitchers George Benson '74, Brian Hill '80, and Mark Ewing '81.



Significant changes were taking place nationally in NCAA baseball. In 1982 Oxy finally prevailed over La Verne, winning its first title in 14 years and the only one in the last 32 years, with a 14-4 record. Pitcher Greg Moseley '82 was selected as SCIAC player of the year, as well as an All-American for his 12-2 season and 1.69 ERA. He, along with catcher Dan Esquerra '84, became future Hall of Fame honorees. Outfielder Ken Sulzer '82 led the team in hitting at .368. The final two years of Dunlap's career produced individual highlights, including Esquerra's outstanding '84 season, hitting .409, while being chosen the SCIAC player of the year and All-American. Dunlap retired in 1984 when he also founded the Baseball Hall of Fame, which he directed until 2005.

The Grant Dunlap legacy is one of consistent, sustained competitiveness. His 30 teams were all emulative, with only three falling below the .500 level and each by only one game. He recruited and developed more HOF pitchers than any other coach in Oxy history. (In addition to his baseball duties, Dunlap coached the men's basketball squad from the 1954-55 to the 1969-70 seasons with an overall record of 205-156, including five conference titles, and served as the College's athletic director from 1971 to 1976.) Although his teams did not have high batting averages, he produced a number of power hitters, who rank high in all-time RBI production. His squads also played solid defense. More than half (17) of his teams either won the SCIAC title (nine) or were contenders (eight), a remarkable achievement for any coach in any sport at any level.

**Infielder Steve Henderson '77 fields a slow-chopper on the run.**

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Hall of Famer Chip Garcia '68 pitched into the seventh inning of the first game of a double-header against Pomona on April 16, 1966. The Tigers swept the Sagehens, 5-4 and 6-2, with Steve Ellis '66 picking up both wins (relieving Garcia in Game 1 and pitching a complete Game 2).

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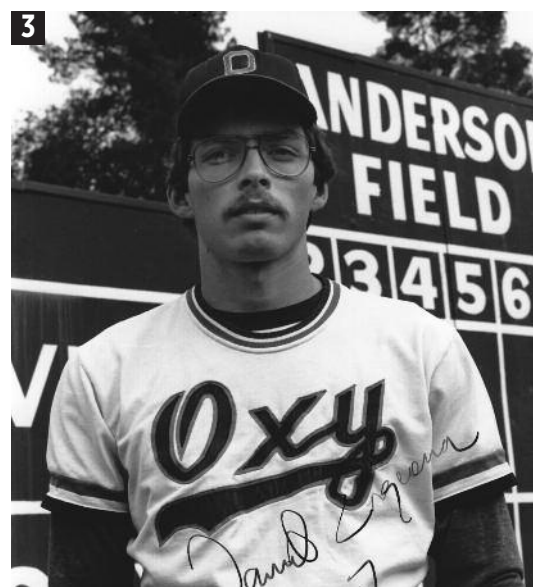




## 1982: That Championship Season

Occidental ended a 14-year title drought in 1982 by going 14-4 for the season in SCIAC play, edging out Redlands and La Verne by one and two games, respectively, en route to the NCAA Division III national tournament. Senior Greg Moseley was the Tigers' leading pitcher, taking a 12-2 record and 1.53 ERA into the Western Regional against Cal State Stanislaus. Moseley (a first-team All-SCIAC pick as a senior, with an 8-1 conference mark) pitched a complete game 4-0 shutout over UCLA on April 20, 1982. **1.** First-team All-SCIAC outfielder Fred Boice '83 (who hit .327 for the season) is congratulated by Keith Schell '83 (No. 20) after scoring against UC San Diego on February 20. The Tigers swept the double-header. **2.** Bart Mooney '83 attempts to nail a runner for La Verne in a home game April 27. The Tigers edged the Leopards, 3-2. **3.** Hall of Famer Dan Esquerra '84 was a second-team All-SCIAC catcher in his sophomore season. **4.** First-team All-SCIAC infielder Jeff Henderson '82 batted .319 as a senior. Four years later, he would be coaching the team.

Photos by Glenn Mar '84





# The Jeff Henderson Era (1985-2003)

Following Dunlap's retirement in 1984, the team was coached by Jim Barker for one year in 1985, finishing fourth. Barker's assistant, Jeff Henderson '82, was given the job in 1986 and held it for 18 years. A four-year starter at shortstop and second base, Henderson served as

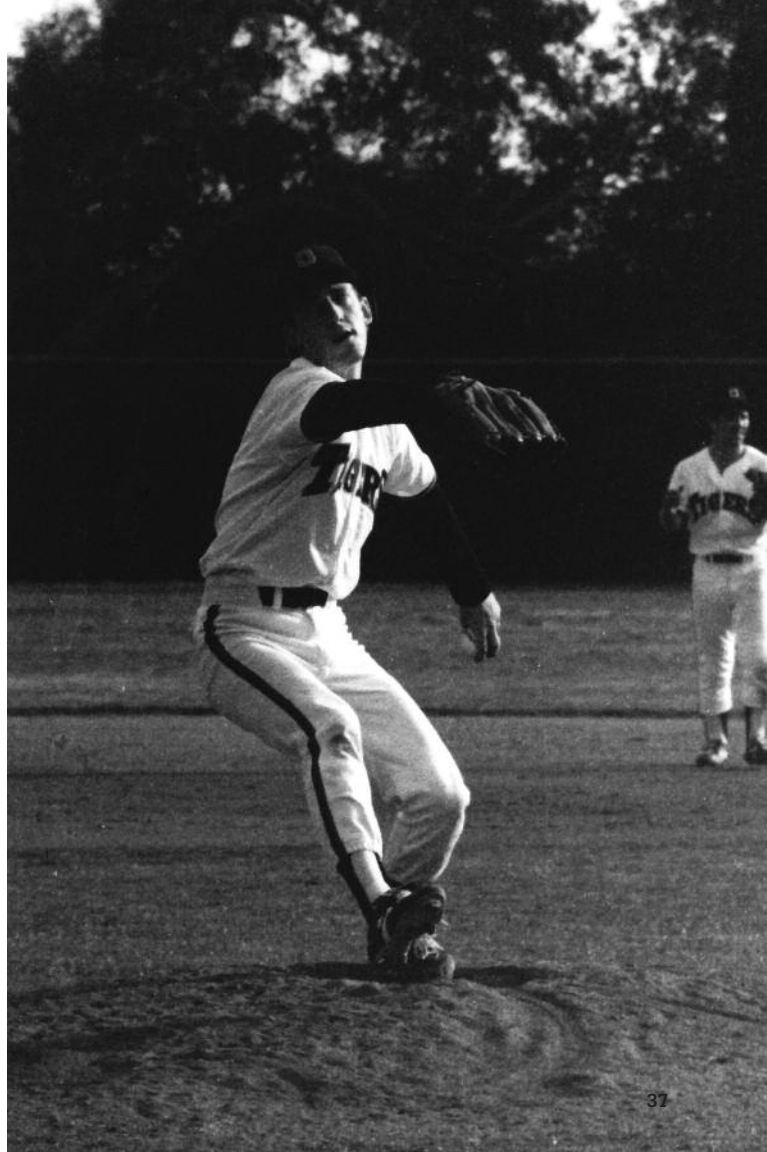


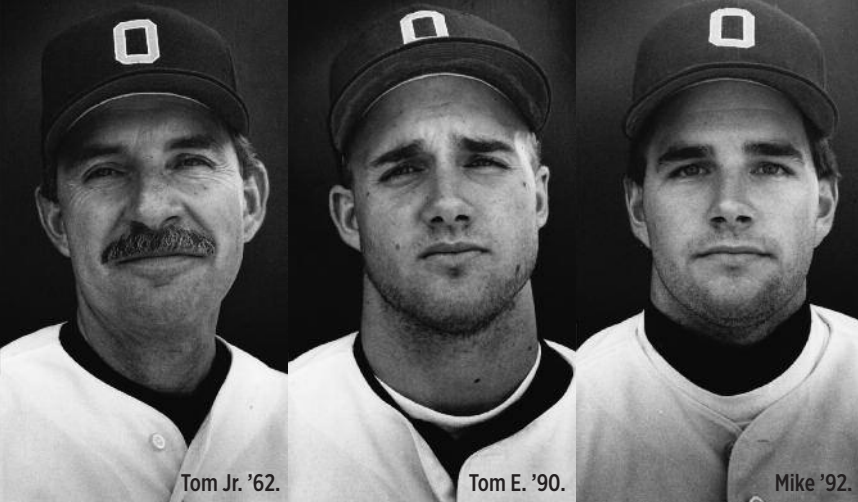
captain of the 1982 team that captured Oxy's only SCIAC championship (as of this writing) since 1968 and an NCAA playoff berth. He was very familiar with the team and league play, but could not overcome the continued dominance by La Verne (eight titles) during the '80s and reverse the downward trend in the Tigers' baseball fortunes. The addition of Cal Lutheran in 1992 (which won nine out of 10 championships between 1993 and 2002) made it more difficult to compete in the league, and the 2002 season was

especially tempestuous, when a walkout by more than half the team forced the cancellation of four nonconference games. No Oxy squad finished higher than third during the Henderson era.

On the bright side, Henderson coached more than 60 All-SCIAC players, 22 All-Region players, three Academic All-Americans, and four NCAA Division III All-Americans during his tenure.

**Jon Billingsley '88, a career .346 hitter, was '88 SCIAC player of the year.**





### Line Drives II: All in the Family

During a game against arch-rival Whitter, a player for the Poets tried to steal second base—and **Gordon Bonetto '53** took it personally. “I tagged him in the mouth, and he came up swinging,” Bonetto recalled. “We had a quite a slugging match.” Pitcher Bob Ashford '52 ran over from the mound to break things up and wanted to know what caused the fight. “I can’t tell a lie,” Bonetto replied. “I threw sand in the \*\*\*\*\*’s face.”

That competitive Bonetto spirit has served Oxy well over the years. Not only is Gordon a member of the Oxy Baseball Hall of Fame, but so is his cousin, **Tom Bonetto Jr. '62**, as well as Tom’s son, **Tom E. Bonetto '90**. Tom’s younger brother, **Mike Bonetto '92**, was twice chosen All-SCIAC during his playing career as well—and a third generation of Bonettos is waiting to be called up: future Tiger **Tommy Bonetto**, who has walked on as a batboy for Coach Luke Wetmore’s squad once each year since 2012.

While they may pale in numbers to the Bonettos, one other family can claim two Hall of Famers at Oxy: **Harry Kirkpatrick 1914** (who lettered in four sports at Oxy and played a key role in league championships in 1913 and 1915) and his grandson, **Mike Welch '67** (who led the conference in home runs, hits, and doubles in 1966).

Although team play plummeted, there were a number of outstanding players at Oxy during those years who achieved Hall of Fame status, including:

**Tim Klement '87**, an excellent hitter and defensive catcher, twice chosen All-SCIAC and All-West Region, with a career batting average of .380.

**Jon Billingsley '88**, a southpaw pitcher, four-year starting outfielder, and career .346 hitter, was named SCIAC player of the year, All-West Region, and All-American in 1988.

**Bruce Fuller '88**, a great defensive outfielder and base runner, who holds Oxy seasonal (35) and career (97) stolen base records.

**Jeff Saenger '88**, a first baseman, who had one of the greatest freshman years in history by leading the league at .464, while being named All-SCIAC, All-West Region, and All-American, with a career .408 batting average.

**Tom E. Bonetto '90**, a great fielding second baseman, who led the league in batting at .434, while gaining All-SCIAC, All-West Region, and All-American honors in 1989 as a career .336 hitter.

**Mike Kniseley '90**, a versatile infielder-catcher with power, who attained All-SCIAC, regional, and All-American status in 1990.

**Mark Harris '91**, and outstanding infielder and one of Oxy’s all-time leader in career hits, with a batting average of .361 and three times All-SCIAC, and twice All-West Region.

**Dave Stoll '92**, one of Oxy’s outstanding southpaws who compiled a .700 winning record of 14-6, pitching for .500



teams, while producing the second-best strike-to-walk ratio in school history (8-2) and being chosen first string All-SCIAC for two years on losing teams.

Bob Kennedy '93, one of Henderson's finest catchers, with a career .332 batting average, twice chosen All-SCIAC, and as a senior voted All-West Region and All-American.

Jason Thielbar '97, a strong-armed outfielder and RBI producer with a career .322 average. He earned first-team All-SCIAC and third-team All-American honors his senior year, batting .401 and slugging .769, with 11 home runs and 30 RBI.



**ABOVE LEFT:** Coach Jeff Henderson '82 and the 1986 Tigers.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Teammates celebrate the aftermath of a Tigers victory in 1989. Those identifiable faces include (from left) Tom E. Bonetto '90, Jason Rusk '91, Neil Herrington '92 (pulling up his socks), Mike Bonetto '92 (wearing a batting helmet), and David Louchheim '92 (with his arms extended upward).





Hall of Famer Matt Andersen '08.

# Rebuilding the Bengals (2004-2014)

Oxy's baseball fortunes bottomed out early in the new millennium following the departure of Jeff Henderson. The team won a total of nine games in two seasons (while losing 70) under Dennis Barrett. Their numbers improved in Elliott Strankman's three years as coach, but the Tigers still finished no better than next-to-last in conference play. His first season was the most successful conference finish in the previous seven, moving the Tigers into sixth place for the first time since 2001. With Jason Hawkins at the helm, Oxy inched up to sixth place in the SCIAC for the next three years (2009-2011), and the Tigers' 11-17 conference mark in 2010 was Oxy's best showing in 15 years.

After Hawkins left to become an assistant at UC Santa Barbara, his hitting coach of three years, Luke Wetmore, was tabbed as his successor. During his first two seasons as coach, Wetmore guided the Tigers to back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1989-90. The Tigers tied for third in the SCIAC both years, and won 26 games in 2013 (second only to the 1967 Tigers' 32 wins). The 2014 squad remained in the chase for a berth in the four-team SCIAC postseason tournament (introduced in 2013) until the last game of the season, losing a must-win road contest at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps to finish 14-14 in conference play and 18-21 overall. Despite that speed bump, the Tigers remain closer to contending for their first SCIAC championship since 1982 than they have been in the last quarter-century.

A graduate of the University of Redlands (where he batted .317 as an outfielder), Wetmore's coaching philosophy has been shaped by his experiences as a student-athlete at a Division III liberal arts college. "Everything we talk

**Shortstop Logan Allen '13 batted .351 as a four-year starter with the Tigers.**





**Pedro Aldape '13.**



about in this program comes back to two key things: personal responsibility and effort,” he says. “I believe that intelligent, motivated student-athletes know what they need to do both on and off the field, and will repeatedly do those things to the best of their ability given a chance.”

Among the contributors to the Tigers’ resurgence:

**Matt Andersen '08** (career average: .316), who won first-team All-SCIAC honors in both football and baseball in 2007—the first Tiger to do so since Tom E. Bonetto '90 (in 1989).

**Glenn Gray '10** (.354), who was twice named second-team All-SCIAC.

**Jason Jebbia '10** (.373), who ranks second all-time among Oxy base-stealers, with an 87 percent success rate.

**Pedro Aldape '13** (.306), who hit .390 as a junior and was named second-team All-SCIAC and All-West Region in 2012.

**Logan Allen '13** (.351), who was named All-West Region and second-team All-SCIAC in 2011 and third-team All-Region and first-team All-SCIAC in 2013.

Junior transfer **Scott Hong '13** (.314)—Oxy’s all-time stolen base leader (89 percent)—who was an All-West Region honoree in 2012 and 2013 as well as second-team All-SCIAC in 2012 and first-team in 2013.

First baseman **Johnathan Brooks '15** (.347 through his first three seasons), who was named All-West Region and second-team All-SCIAC in 2013.

Right-handed pitcher **Mitch Margolis '14**, who won seven games with a 2.91 ERA as a senior and was named second-team All-SCIAC in 2014.





## Faces for the Future

"Our goal is to compete for a conference championship every year," says Coach Luke Wetmore. "The only way that happens is through fanatical preparation, commitment to team, and developing meaningful, trusting relationships that allow everyone in this program to be successful." Players expected back for the 2015 season include:

**C.J. Maruyama '16** (left), who tied for the team lead with five wins in his debut season with the Tigers, posting a 3.20 ERA while pitching the second-most innings (59.0) behind Joseph Kling '15. In his college debut Feb. 3, 2013, Maruyama allowed only two hits in five innings against Austin College. He shut out La Sierra a week later, throwing 6⅓ innings while striking out six.

**Johnathan Brooks '15** (above), who launched his freshman year with a home run on opening day against La Sierra, and hit his third homer in the last game of the regular season against Caltech. He hit .303 for the season, batted a team-leading .417 as a sophomore, and swung a solid .311 as a junior.

# Honoring Bengal Baseball

With the mission of honoring past players whose performance on the field set the bar for future generations of Tigers, the Occidental Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in 1984 by retiring Coach Grant Dunlap '46, with a committee that included Slug Nathan '30, Hershel Lyons '37, Wayne Sink '59, Jack Carr '60, and



Doug Beacham '64. In the absence of a data-based selection system, the early years were weighted heavily toward players from the Dunlap era. Over the last decade, however, a more inclusive selection process has leveled the playing field, with a cross-section of players and coaches spanning every era of Oxy baseball, as well as nearly a dozen teams (from 1895 to 1967) that have contributed to the Tigers' success on the diamond.

The Occidental Baseball Hall of Fame homepage on the Oxy Athletics website ([oxyathletics.com/halloffame/baseball/index](http://oxyathletics.com/halloffame/baseball/index)) offers a wealth of information for the diehard Tigers fan, including player and team resumes; individual honors; top-performing teams, coaches, and individual seasons; career batting averages and RBI leaders; single-season batting average; top pitchers; and a list of Oxy's 17 no-hitters (including three non-varsity games by freshman squads and Don Hagen '64's perfect game against Redlands in 1962).

## Wood vs. Metal: Running the Numbers

Following the introduction of the aluminum bat in 1974, the NCAA landscape changed forever. Over time, the national team mean batting average rose from the wooden era .263 to a high of .305, which generated periodic adjustments to compensate for the increased velocity of the ball coming off of the bat. The attempt was made to equalize the material density and reduce the exit velocity back to its previous speed. Although lab tests show that it is now within 3 miles per hour of parity, a significantly larger sweet spot remains and continues to give the advantage to the hitter.

Research shows the following:

Batting averages have increased by 35-40 points.

Power stats (RBIs and HRs) have increased by 10-15 percent.

Pitching ERAs have increased by 1.

Pitching strikeouts per game are lower by 1.

Fielding errors have significantly increased.

Occidental began swinging metal the following year. Research of team batting averages over the history of the program at Oxy shows no increase, perhaps due to the reduced winning in the program and decreased level of talent attracted to it. The following chart shows the general trend, as evidenced by the performance data of Hall of Fame membership.

<b>Clark/Anderson era</b> (1925-54)	.360s
<b>Dunlap era</b> (1955-84)	.330s
<b>Henderson era</b> (1985-2003)	.320s

**Matt Kurilich '53, Bob Ashford '52, and Coach Luke Wetmore at the dedication of the Bob Ashford Memorial Flagpole in May 2014.**

# Occidental College Baseball Hall of Fame

## Players

Frank Beal 1907  
Duffy Seay 1913  
Harry Kirkpatrick 1914  
Hal McIntosh 1916  
Sid Foster 1917  
Monty Montijo 1917  
Roscoe Alcock '21  
Jim Hitch '21  
Mike Godett '27  
Les Haserot '27  
Solly Mishkin '27  
Bud Teachout '27  
Al De Hoog '30  
Maurice "Slug" Nathan '30  
Glenn Rozelle '30  
Warren "Stoney" Johnson '31  
Art Powers '31  
Bob Holmes '33  
Meb Schroeder '33  
Bob Ackland '34  
Terry Bartron '34  
Frank Jakel '35  
Hal McMillan '35  
John Rowland '35  
Tony Villard '36  
Hershel Lyons '37  
Bob Cosby '39  
Roy Tweedle '39

Dick Baker '42  
Clayton Jenkins '42  
Skipper Scoles '42  
Bob Johnson '43  
Bill Bonhall '44  
Bill Dale '44  
Grant Dunlap '46  
Bill Greene '46  
John Osterman '47 M'50  
Manny Perez '47  
Arte Fairbanks '48  
Ray McLean '48  
Lodi Galassi '50  
Doug MacKenzie '50  
Jack Stuckeman '50  
Ed Harper '51  
Carl Manoogian '51  
Bob Ashford '52  
Cliff Ditto '52  
Hugh "Bud" Stewart '52  
Gordon Bonetto '53  
Matt Kurilich '53  
Frank Bennett '54  
Pat Delaney '54  
Gil McFadden '54  
Murray Via '54  
Jim Burt '55  
Dick Sovde '56  
Gary Hess '56

Jim Hollinger '56  
Dick Burns '57  
Jim Dallas '57  
Ken Wolters '57  
Kal Badran '58  
Tom McGetchin '59  
Ken McKenna '59  
Wayne Sink '59  
Jerry Regnier '60  
Bob Proctor '62  
Tom Bonetto Jr. '62  
Carlisle George '63  
Carl Riefler '63  
Doug Beacham '64  
Don Hagen '64  
Bob Ruffner '64  
Steve Harper '66  
Mike Welch '67  
Philip "Chip" Garcia '68  
John Kinard '69  
Chris Synodis '69  
Greg Millikan '70  
Dan Guerrero '71  
Scott Larson '71  
Brad Nelson '72  
George Benson '74  
Miguel Mejia '75  
Greg Ring '76  
Brian Hill '80

Mark Ewing '81  
Don Maryon '81  
Greg Moseley '82  
Ken Sulzer '82  
Dan Esquerra '84  
Tim Klement '87  
Jon Billingsley '88  
Bruce Fuller '88  
Jeff Saenger '88  
Tom E. Bonetto '90  
Mike Kniseley '90  
Mark Harris '91  
Dave Stoll '92  
Bob Kennedy '93  
Jason Thielbahr '97  
Matt Andersen '08

## Teams

1895, 1906, 1927, 1929, 1934,  
1943, 1952, 1954, 1958, 1962,  
1967

## Coaches

Bill Anderson (1930-54)  
Wilkie Clark (1912-13, 1924-29)  
Grant Dunlap '46 (1955-84)

## Administrators

Ben Culley (1943-82)  
James Parkhill  
Guy Wadsworth



## Oxy Baseball by the Numbers: 1895-2014

Year	Overall	Conf.	Rank	Year	Overall	Conf.	Rank	Year	Overall	Conf.	Rank	Year	Overall	Conf.	Rank
1895	8-3		1	1928	9-8	7-3	T2	1957	16-6	12-4	1	1986	12-17	8-10	5
1896	7-2		T1	1929	18-4	8-0	1	1958	18-7	12-4	1	1987	17-17	10-8	3
1897-				1930	19-8	6-2	2	1959	17-8	10-6	2	1988	18-19	9-9	4
1902				1931	19-6	6-2	2	1960	17-8	11-4	2	1989	22-17	10-8	4
1903	5-5			1932	14-5	4-0	1	1961	12-9	8-6	3	1990	20-14	12-6	3
1904				1933	10-9	8-4	4	1962	18-6	14-1	1	1991	14-20	9-9	5
1905	6-2		2	1934	11-0	5-0	1	1963	18-7	11-3	1	1992	13-23	5-16	7
1906	13-7	9-2	1	1935	12-4	7-1	1	1964	15-6	12-3	1	1993	14-18	8-13	T6
1907	7-5	6-4	2	1936	5-8	5-6	4	1965	10-11	7-8	4	1994	11-15	7-14	7
1908	10-3	2-3	3	1937	11-13	8-10	5	1966	17-6	12-3	2	1995	13-25	9-12	6
1909	4-10	0-6	4	1938	5-17	5-13	5	1967	32-6	12-3	1	1996	12-28	9-12	6
1910	9-7	4-3	3	1939	7-16	6-9	4	1968	23-9	13-2	1	1997	8-32	5-16	7
1911	4-4	4-3	3	1940	8-10	6-9	4	1969	18-8	11-4	2	1998	13-25	9-12	6
1912	8-9	2-4	3	1941	8-9	7-9	4	1970	19-10	9-6	3	1999	6-29	4-17	7
1913	12-5	6-2	1	1942	16-5	6-3	1	1971	18-13	10-5	2	2000	13-25	7-13	7
1914	7-7	6-2	2	1943	16-6	11-1	1	1972	19-13	12-6	3	2001	13-24	7-14	6
1915	10-4	6-2	1	1944	10-12	3-7, 7-5	5,3*	1973	16-16	10-8	5	2002	8-25	4-14	6
1916	17-4	7-1	2	1945	4-8	2-6	4	1974	18-12	12-6	T2	2003	5-25	3-18	7
1917		3-3	T2	1946	12-7	5-1	1	1975	16-14	11-7	3	2004	3-36	1-17	7
1918	Canceled		-	1947	8-10	4-4	3	1976	16-14	10-8	4	2005	6-34	1-17	7
1919	10-5	5-3	2	1948	9-9	3-5	T3	1977	11-20	8-10	5	2006	15-25	5-13	7
1920	7-4	5-3	2	1949	14-10	4-4	3	1978	13-15	8-10	5	2007	17-23	7-14	7
1921		4-6	T5	1950	16-6	4-4	3	1979	17-13	12-6	3	2008	15-24	7-14	7
1922		3-5	4	1951	15-5	9-1	1	1980	17-9	11-7	T2	2009	16-24	6-15	6
1923	6-6	3-5	4	1952	15-3	10-0	1	1981	18-13	11-7	T3	2010	14-25	11-17	6
1924		4-6	5	1953	15-4	6-2	1	1982	23-10	14-4	1	2011	13-26	9-19	6
1925	26-5	11-1	1	1954	17-3	8-0	1	1983	16-15	9-9	5	2012	23-16	18-10	T3
1926	18-6	9-1	1	1955	10-10	5-3	2	1984	18-15	9-9	T4	2013	26-15	17-12	T3
1927	13-3	7-1	1	1956	14-7	6-2	T1	1985	20-15	13-7	4	2014	18-21	14-14	5

\*In addition to its SCIAAC schedule, Oxy participated in a second league in 1944 against USC, UCLA, Loyola, and Pepperdine.

### Win-Loss Percentages for Coaches With Two or More Seasons During the SCIAC Era

Coach	Years	Career W-L	Pct.	SCIAC W-L	Pct.	Titles
Wilkie Clark <sup>1</sup>	1924-1929	88-32	.733	46-12	.793	4
Bill Anderson	1930-1954	297-193	.606	154-108	.588	10
Grant Dunlap	1955-1984	510-316	.617	312-164	.656	9
Jeff Henderson	1986-2003	232-398	.369	135-221	.379	
Dennis Barrett	2004-2005	9-70	.114	2-34	.056	
Elliott Strankman	2006-2008	47-72	.395	19-41	.317	
Jason Hawkins	2009-2011	43-75	.364	26-51	.338	
Luke Wetmore	2012-2014	67-52	.563	49-35	.583	

SCIAC play began in 1916, with Jess Orendorf as the Tigers' coach. Other coaches who stayed at Oxy for a single season are Walter Boles (1917), Herb White (1919), W.L. Stanton (1920), Harry Kirkpatrick (1921), Roy Haslett (1922), Nelson Laird (1923), and Jim Barker (1985).

<sup>1</sup> Clark (pictured, right, in 1927) also coached the Tigers in 1912 and 1913, going 20-14 overall (.588) and 8-6 in league play (.571) with one title. His combined record: 108-46 overall (.701), 54-18 conference (.750), with five titles.



### Tigers Who Had a "Cup of Coffee" in the Majors

Player	Year(s)	Team	Games	At Bats
William "Dutch" Hinrichs '10	1910	Washington Senators (AL)	3	7
Dudley "Lee" Thompson '24	1921	Chicago White Sox (AL)	4	20
Arthur "Bud" Teachout '27 <sup>2</sup>	1930-31	Chicago Cubs (NL)	67	213
	1932	St. Louis Cardinals (NL)	1	1
Hershel Lyons '37	1941	St. Louis Cardinals (NL)	1	1
Grant Dunlap '46 <sup>3</sup>	1953	St. Louis Cardinals (NL)	16	17



<sup>2</sup> Teachout (right) was 12-6 in three major league seasons as a pitcher. <sup>3</sup> Dunlap (far right) was used primarily as a pinch-hitter, with six hits in 17 at-bats.



Coach Anderson (standing, far left) and the 1950 Tigers.

*"Occidental College is very close to my heart, and I'll always be grateful to the College for the many fine and close friends it has given me."*  
—Coach Bill Anderson, in a letter to President Arthur G. Coons '20 announcing his retirement (after the 1954 season) on December 1, 1953.





#### BACK COVER IMAGES

**TOP LEFT:** Victor Munoz '15 has contributed to the Tigers' resurgence, batting .290 through his first three seasons. As Oxy's No. 1 catcher, his fielding percentage is a stellar .989.

**TOP RIGHT:** Bob Ashford '52 led Oxy to SCIAC championships in 1951 and 1952, winning all nine of his league starts for the Tigers while hitting a conference-record .600 as a senior.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** An undated road game draws a crowd.

**BOTTOM CENTER:** Catcher Joel Pomerenk '95 gears up.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** 1922 freshman squad coach Nelson Laird (who would shepherd the 1923 varsity squad) "led his hard-hitting, fast-fielding team through a successful season, winning almost every game of any consequence," according to that year's *La Encina*. Star tosser Jay "Squint" Fulton '25 pitched the first no-hitter of any Oxy squad on Patterson Field.

Coach Luke Wetmore with Joe Kling '15, who has an ERA of 3.37 through his first three seasons.

